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Bayport ROD delayed

GALVESTON -- The Record of Decision on the Port of Houston's Bayport Container/Cruise Terminal Project will not be issued today as scheduled according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Galveston District.

This is a very complex issue. The Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision are under review by our Division and Headquarters. Release is anticipated for late October or Early November, said Col. Leonard Waterworth, district engineer and commander.

Col. Michael L. Schultz, acting Southwestern Division Commander, has disallowed any requests for disqualification of Waterworth as the decision maker regarding the permit application and has sent letters supporting the Colonel to those parties asking for his disqualification.

"Your assertions of bias have no basis in fact," he said. "Despite this totally unwarranted personal attack, I am very confident that Colonel Waterworth will execute his responsibilities in a fair and equitable manner. Therefore, I decline to remove him as the decision maker."

"The permit issue is very complex and we should take adequate time for a full review in our efforts to make an informed decision," said Waterworth.

